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...the same rights to colored people in this life, and where they work, and labor and sacrifice to get on, there ought to be the same encouragement, for the tears flow just as freely, the pain is just as acute, and the anguish just as deep beneath the black as under the white skin, and I tell you, my friends, that in this day and time when we are all trying to learn that great lesson of forbearance, this is indeed a great feeling to have. Dr. Washington, I welcome you to Kansas City.

Dr. Washington was given a magnificent reception upon being introduced and said, in part:

Members of the Negro Business League, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"I am surprised and gratified on account of the many evidences of progress which I have discovered among the members of the Negro race in Kansas City and vicinity since I was here last. You have here in Kansas City the most progressive local Negro Business League that I have found anywhere in the country. It is studying the actual condition and needs of our people right here at your doors, and not devoting itself to theoretical matters, but to actual and practical matters that cover the industrial, business and moral life of the whole community.

"One of the things that has pleased me most has been for the first time to be taken through the residence section of the city where our people live in the largest numbers. I congratulate you that you live in such good houses for the most part; that the streets are kept in such good condition; that the city has been generous enough and wise enough to provide you with first-class school facilities. You have here in Kansas City some of the best equipped Negro schools that exist anywhere in the country; not only are they among the best so far as their physical equipment is concerned, but this is equally true concerning the quality and character of the teaching body.

Praises Negro Social Center.

"I am glad, too, to note that the city is providing you with the Garrison Social Center, including bath rooms and recreation rooms of every character. This is something that no other city in the Union, so far as I know, has provided for our people. Not only this, but here the city hospital is thrown open on equal terms to all races, and Negro doctors have an opportunity to practice upon their own patients in the hospital.

"I have referred to the broad-mindedness of the white people in this city, their disposition to encourage members of my race by helping them to climb up instead of pushing them down. The majority of the city toward up places a serious responsibility upon us, the responsibility of seeing to it that we repay all that has been done for us in order, straightly and honestly.

"At the bottom of progress of every character is respect for labor. No race of people that seeks to escape honest labor can succeed. No matter how much education one has, he should never get to the point where he is ashamed to labor in the field or in the shop or business. There is as much dignity in working with the hands as there is in writing poetry or preaching the gospel. Through business enterprises and through the schools and churches, we want to exert a continual influence in the direction of getting rid of idleness and immorality of every character.

Says Clean Out Evil.

"A dozen idle men on a street corner attract more attention than twenty men who are hard at work. One criminal can often damage the reputation and standing of the whole race. There should be a public sentiment created among us which will get rid of the idle class, clean out the dens of sin and misery, get rid of gambling and loafing and cause these things to so reform themselves as to take up honorable and respectable labor. Above all things we must not get discouraged as we make progress in making progress in all the fundamental things of American citizenship. We are growing in numbers. We have more white friends, both in the North and in the South, than we have ever had as a race. We are growing in intelligence, we are getting hold of property.

"People living outside of the South hear of the white man who curses the Negro; they seldom hear of the white man who is friendly to the Negro.

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MISSOURI

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO.

The services Sunday was grand. Prof. Burton spent Saturday in the city. Mrs. Norman Page recently had a back set. Mr. Clarence Wadsworth entertained a few of his friends last Wednesday. Mr. Pitt and friend of Kansas City, visited W. M. Pitts Sunday and Monday. The reception given in honor of Ralph Baylis last Saturday was a grand success and was largely attended. The Bachelor Maids of Kansas City were present and had a grand time. Mr. Baylis entered the hall draped in an American flag while Mrs. Corpe played the Star Spangled Banner. He took his seat by a table holding three large pink and white cakes glistening with candles. Mr. Robert Breedlove was toastmaster. After the program Mr. Baylis drank punch to the honor of the Bachelor Maids. Elms Sorority Bunch Philomath Club and friends. The color scheme was well carried out. Following is a list of presents: Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Baylis, \$20; Miss Emma Majestic, \$1; Miss Jessie Dickerson, \$1; Mr. Roy Starks, \$1; Elms Sorority Club, bath robe; Bachelor Maids, book of Shelby's Poems; Miss Ethel Bains & Co., silk tie; Miss Anna Hannon, silk tie; Mrs. Pauline Wilson, Indian slippers; Mr. Earl Garnett, silk handkerchiefs; Miss Georgia Million, satin combination coat rack; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, three boxes of assorted candies. Two large cars carried the party to the Albany where hot cocoa and club sandwiches were served by Mrs. McDonald and others. The affair was grand and proved the popularity of Mr. Baylis. Mr. Allen Gipson will move his family on the farm below Excelsior Springs. Mr. Ralph Baylis was taken suddenly ill Monday evening but is able to be out again. Miss Jetty Rice of Kansas City, Kas., is here visiting friends.

MARYVILLE, MO.

Mrs. Art Brown has returned to her home at Kokuk, Ia., accompanied by her father, George J. Palmer for a six months' visit. Rev. P. Thomas of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church went to Organ, Mo., to assist Rev. Mitchell in a revival meeting. On account of the severe snow storm Sunday there were no services at the two colored churches. Mrs. O. R. Vance is on the sick list. Mr. John McGeehee made a business trip to Omaha, Neb. Mr. Wm. Vance is on the sick list. Miss Daille Walker has returned home after a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson and daughter. Master Paul Smith has been very sick the past week. Mr. Emmett Gunn is moving in town from his place in the country. Mr. O. Gunn is moving from his place at Redison to a place at Arko, Mo. Mrs. Joe Graves is very sick with pneumonia.

MOBERLY, MO.

"The Ecclesiastical Alliance," an organization which meets at Coleman's hall each Tuesday morning at 10:30 and 12 o'clock is an organization that the people of Moberly should be proud of, the object of this society is for the betterment of this community and to help those who feel the need of help along moral and intellectual lines. Rev. F. D. Avant read a splendid paper on "The Conscious" before the Ecclesiastical Alliance Tuesday morning. His paper aroused quite a deal of interest. This subject is to be continued. S. E. Boone will deliver a lecture on "Growth on Preception," a topic from Psychology, next Tuesday morning. The service at Grant Chapel last Sunday was good. The pastor preached two good practical sermons. Collection \$25.70. Rev. F. D. Avant the pastor of Gillman Chapel M. E. Church is preparing for Conference, which convenes in Fulton, Mo., March 25th. He has made a good record and his many friends wish to have him return and serve another year. The Star of Hope Commandery under the leadership of Eminent Commander G. W. Edwards, is making great progress. Since the Commandery was organized last November 26th, there has been ten additions to the Knighthood and six to the Chapter. Last Saturday night there was seven who took the Knighthood degree and three took the Chapter degree. There will be a meeting Thursday night to confer degrees on more candidates. The commander hopes to have the commandery in good condition by the setting of the Grand Lodge.

KEYTESVILLE, MO.

Corrine Porter was born February 1, 1899 at 1 p. m. She was united with the Vine Street Baptist Church of Kansas City three years ago this March and has been a faithful member so far as her health would permit. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was a student of Kansas City High School and highly esteemed as a bright scholar in her class and school. She was devoted to her grandmother and stepfather of this place. She leaves a mother, father, two brothers, a grandmother, grandfather and a host of relatives.

CHILLICOTHE, MO.

Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Tally and family returned from Osage, Kas., Monday where they attended the funeral of Mr. Tally. Mrs. Marguerite Hicks who has been confined to her bed for several years is bearing her affliction trying though it is at times, with a Christian forbearance. And nothing but showers of blessings are in reserve for her sister, Mrs. Carolina Ballew, who cares and provides for her untruly. Mrs. Ida Alvis returned to her home in Minneapolis, Minn., last Tuesday after three months' visit and recuperation with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe. The Bachelor Girls' Club was entertained by Miss

Lizzie Jones last Sunday afternoon. The Jones' resort was an ideal meeting place and the members of the Club reported a very enjoyable afternoon spent in needle work and they spoke in gratifying words of the delicious three-course luncheon served by Mrs. Jennie Anderson who was assisted by Mrs. Wm. Anderson. Rev. Charles Crews a superannuated minister of the North Missouri Conference arrived last week from the Preachers' Home at Colorado Springs, Colo. Rev. Crews is an original inhabitant of this city and he will reside at the Crews' family home with his sister, Mrs. Annie Saunders. He was among the ministers of the earlier days who walked in untrodden paths from circuit to circuit carrying the light and enlisting Christian soldiers. Lowell says, "Words, money and all things else are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice it is plain the 'truth' whatever it may be has taken possession of him."

BRUNSWICK, MO.

Sunday was a beautiful day and services were well attended. Our pastor, Rev. W. H. Davis, preached two excellent sermons at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening text was "The Unfaithful Bride." All present were delighted. There are many on the sick list. Mrs. Barbara Jackson is very ill at this writing. Mrs. Lizzie Ford who has been very sick is better. Mr. Ed Jones is able to be up and around again. Mr. Chas. Ford and Mrs. Sarah Fortner remain the same. Mrs. Carrie Lee Evans has gone to Kansas City to visit her sister, Mrs. Hetty Stricken.

To the Kansas City Son:

Revenge is sweet and revenge is what I want for some of the many, many wrongs that have been done me, yes the many accusations that have been made about me. "Vengeance is mine saith the Lord." But I sometimes think that the Lord is awfully slow in righting our wrongs and if all the many persons who have done me injury in word and deed were to die horrible deaths, it would not clean the stain that has been placed upon my character. Therefore, I want revenge while I'm living. People have not made me any better or worse by the many underhanded little and dirty tricks that they have done to me. I am still living by the help of that God that lets them live. They call me bully, but I have never bullied anyone out of anything or told a wife, although I can't say as much about some of the people who live around me. Some Negroes, the police and the Judge tried to get me out of my house but the Lord was with me and they were not successful. A policeman came to me with a fake warrant but I went on to work just as I have been doing for many months and I have not spoken to him since that time. It seems the more trouble I get into, the more I find out. But I do not intend to rob anyone or steal anything or waylay anyone, but whatever I have done was done because they tried to down me. It would be better that some of my enemies had a millstone around their necks and were cast into the river for God will have more mercy on them than I would. Respectfully, J. R. RHODES, 7204 East 13th.

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KANSAS

ROSEDALE, KAS.

Miss Florence Schooler an Evangelist formerly of Quincy, Ill., is now residing with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pinkard, 4022 Adams Street. Mrs. Adolph Washington has returned from Clarksville, Texas, where she attended the funeral of her cousin. Mrs. Ida May Brown of 4007 Adams Street who has been ill the past two weeks with lagrippe is convalescent. Mrs. Vassie Barber, formerly of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is now residing with her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barber, 240 Valley Street. Mr. Walter Henderson died at his home in South Park, Kansas, Saturday. Besides his mother he is survived by three sons and other relatives. The funeral services were conducted from the Shiloh Baptist Church of which he was a deacon, Monday afternoon. Cozetta, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thornton, 3509 Lloyd Avenue, who has been ill, is convalescent. Rev. John Harvey, the pastor of the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church is ill at his home, 4117 Lloyd Avenue, but is improving.

TONGANOXIE, KAS.

There will be a sacred concert given at the A. M. E. Church Sunday evening, March 22. Mrs. Annie Hilbrandt made a business trip to Lawrence. Mrs. Cora James made a business trip to Leavenworth. Mrs. Hattie Carter of Hove was here shopping Monday. Rev. Saunders visited Neely friends last Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Newby and little grand-daughter visited Mrs. Newby's mother of Hoge last Wednesday. Miss Florence Hicks left for DeSoto, Kas., where she will spend a few weeks. The Jolly Rovers met with Mrs. Eugene Jarrett Saturday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent with music. Mr. Willis Nelson is able to be out again after a severe attack of LaGrippe. There will be a poorman's supper given at the A. M. E. Church Thursday evening. Admission 10 cents. Supper free. Don't forget the Bazar at the First Baptist Church, March 28. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Jr., left for Kansas City, Kas., last week. Mr. Caldwell is taking treatments from Dr. S. H. Thompson for injuries sustained from a kick by a horse.

RENO, KANSAS.

Mr. Frank Scott and Mr. Brad Suttles were in Reno Tuesday. Mr. Babylon Roffle and Mr. Levi McKinney were shopping in Tonganoxie Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Wash Roffle were shopping in Lawrence Friday. Miss Laura Nelson is the only colored girl from Reno who will enter the County Spelling Bee at Lansing and she has our most hearty congratulations and we hope she will win the contest. Mrs. Chas. Hicks of Tonganoxie was here Saturday. Mr. Joseph Suttles of Six Corners has been spending a few days as the guest of Mr. James and David Nelson. Miss Odell Nelson is visiting at Six Corners. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shephard went to Lawrence on business Saturday. Mr. Harry Shephard is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. Albert Shephard. Mrs. Walker Roffle was shopping in Lawrence Tuesday. Wm. Hawkins, Jr., returned from Lawrence Tuesday where he has been spending a few days with friends. Wm. Gideon and Levi McKinney were visitors in Tonganoxie. Mr. Brad Suttles was in Lawrence Saturday. Mr. Harry Tolliver has been visiting a few friends in Reno. Mr. P. Brown and son George, were shopping in Lawrence Tuesday. Mr. Albert Shephard went to Leavenworth Thursday on business. Mr. Roy Walton went to Leavenworth Friday shopping. Miss Marie Lee who has been staying with her brother, Mr. O. B. Lee, returned to her home in Kickapoo. Mr. O. B. Lee was visiting Mr. Frank Nelson and Mr. P. Brown Sunday. Mr. Albert Shephard is one of the successful farmers of this city and will move soon to Lawrence and we are sorry to see him go, but we wish him success. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lee moved to Six Corners on a farm. Mr. Frank Nelson and David Nelson have been helping Mr. Lee move. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lee, Grant Nelson, Mrs. Queen Gideon, Wm. Hawkins, Mr. Walter Nelson, Mr. Wm. Gideon, went to Leavenworth to attend the trial of Mr. Austin Gideon Wednesday. Mr. Wash Roffle was in Tonganoxie on business. Miss Mable Gideon went to Lawrence Thursday to take music lessons.

HIGHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Elects Officers and Calls Pastor.

Thank God despite all the efforts the devil is making to defeat us we are to report that God is blessing us wonderfully. We had excellent services all day Sunday. The church was filled at all services. Had four additions to the church and raised \$32.36. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31. Glory to God in the highest. At a regular meeting of the officers and members the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Deacons, Thos. H. Bailey, F. H. Lee, M. Boswell, B. Ellis, Wm. Cannon, F. Starks, Grant Burnside; treasurer, B. Warren; trustees, Samuel Johnson and Jacob Oglesby; church clerk, B. J. Knox; Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Rosa Hurt; president, B. Y. P. U., Mrs. E. A. Knox; president, Mission Circle, Mrs. E. E. Provand; ushers, James Hall, Jas. Glover, Wm. Kimball. After the election of officers a "Call" to the pastorate of this church was extended to Rev. Lee H. Mills of Atlanta, Ga. Order of services Sunday, March 8, 1914: 11 a. m., preaching by Pastor Mills. Subject, "Human Depravity." 1 p. m., Sunday school; 6 p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 8 p. m., preaching by Pastor Mills. Subject, "Paradise Lost." The public is cordially invited to attend these services. B. J. KNOX, Reporter.

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